



MZUNI WEEKLY Bulletin

MINISTER OF BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMENDS MZUNI



Hon. Madalitso Kambauwa-Wirima
Minister of Basic and Secondary Education

Minister of Basic and Secondary Education Honourable Madalitso Kambauwa-Wirima has commended Mzuzu University (MZUNI) for its innovations which will significantly enhance the country's development.

The minister made the remarks during a High-Level Meeting held between the ministry and MZUNI at the University's campus on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Honourable Kambauwa-Wirima said innovations such as MiLab give her ministry the confidence that the country can address the challenges in the education sector.

"The strategic and result-oriented partnership that has existed between the Ministry of Education,

Mzuzu University and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the development of MiLab App is what the country needs if we are to achieve the education aspirations as outlined in the Malawi 2063 Vision and the Mid-Term Implementation Plan (MIP-1)," she said.

During the meeting, Vice-Chancellor Professor Wales Singini shared insights on the MiLab project, which involved the active participation of fresh graduates in its development.

"Our MZUNI graduates, with the support and guidance of their lecturers, developed this application to tackle inequalities in science education. We take pride in fostering a culture of research and innovation among our students," he noted.

MZUNI HOSTS NATIONAL ODeL TRAINING

Mzuzu University's Centre for Open Distance and eLearning (CODEL) organised a week-long training programme that attracted participants from various universities and colleges throughout Malawi.

The training featured participants from Nalikule College of Education, Nkhoma University, Malawi Assemblies of God University, Malawi University of Science and Technology, Malawi College of Accountancy and Mzuzu University.

Acting Director of CODEL Dr. Lydia Kishindo-Mafuta emphasised the critical role of open and distance learning in enhancing Malawi's education sector.

"Given the limited infrastructure available in many universities and colleges, there is an urgent need for incorporating open distance and e-learning methodologies to better support students with diverse learning needs," she said.



Dr. Lydia Kishindo-Mafuta
Acting Director of ODeL



EVENTS AND UPDATES

- ★ On January 15, 2025, Mzuzu University Alumni Association contributed K2.9 million to assist 15 needy students with tuition fees, accommodation, and basic living expenses through the "Adopt a Needy Student Initiative."
- ★ On January 17, 2025, Vice-Chancellor Professor Wales Singini engaged officials from Sany Silicon Company of China to discuss the establishment of a solar farm in Choma, Mzuzu. This initiative is expected to complement the Mega Farm project by Mzuzu University while benefitting the surrounding communities.
- ★ On Tuesday January 14, 2025, Vice-Chancellor Professor Wales Singini advocated for an increased budget allocation for infrastructure in higher education institutions during a Budget Consultation Session at Sunbird Mzuzu Hotel. This will enhance teaching, learning, and research, ultimately improving access to higher education.
- ★ Activities at MZUNI's Mega Farm in Choma have begun as part of the Government of Malawi's Mega Farms initiative, aimed at creating jobs, boosting farmers' incomes, reducing imports, increasing exports, and promoting agricultural productivity.